

I. Remarks

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Miggins for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of November 9, 2005. In that interview, the Amberg reference (U.S. Patent No. 3,445,892, "Amberg") was discussed. In particular, the undersigned pointed out to Examiner Miggins that the liner of Amberg constitutes a seam-free lining for the containers disclosed therein. In view of this feature of Amberg, Applicants have canceled the previously pending claims and substituted therefore claims that highlight the fact that the heat insulating cups of the present invention do not have such a continuous liner.

To this end, claims 16-67 have been canceled. Claims 68-79 have been added. Support for these amendments is found in the specification and, in particular, as set out in the following chart:

Claim No.	Specification Support (page, lines)
68	4; 1-12
69	5; 4-9
70	6; 4-5
71	6; 5-6
72	6; 17-19
73	6; 9-13
74	8; 1-3
75	8; 1-3
76	8; 6-7
77	9; 4-7
78	9; 20-22
79	10; 1-2
80	11-12; 14-18, 1-4

In view of these Amendments and the Remarks below, it is respectfully stated that the claims are in condition for allowance.

II. Rejections in Final Office Action

The Final Office Action has repeated the rejections in the Non-Final Rejection dated February 22, 2005. In view of the Amendments made herein, these rejections have been rendered moot as discussed in detail below.

III. Rejections of “polyethylene admixture”

The Final Office Action reiterates the rejection of the phrase “polyethylene admixture.” This phrase has been deleted from the claims presented herein and, as such, this rejection is no longer relevant.

The Final Office Action also objects to the word “effective” in the claims. This word no longer appears in the claims as presented herewith.

IV. Rejections in view of Amberg

As noted above, in the telephone interview of November 9, 2005, Examiner Miggins and the undersigned discussed the fact that Amberg discloses “full, unseamed plastic liners” in receptacles, such as drinking cups. (*See* Amberg, col 1, lines 29-34.) Further, Amberg indicates that cups often leak at the lapped seams and at the bottom joints. (*See* Amberg, cols. 1-2, lines 69-2.) To address this problem, Amberg states as a solution:

[I]t has been recognized that a full plastic interior liner, i.e., one which itself has no seams and extends continuously to cover the bottom as well as the interior wall including the bottom joint and side seam of such a receptacle, would be effective to provide an impervious and leakproof container.

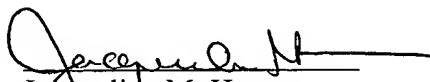
(*See* Amberg, col. 2, lines 3-8.)

Amberg thus discloses an unseamed plastic liner in the container. As such, Amberg does not teach or suggest a heat seal as currently claimed. Amberg’s disclosure does not anticipate or render the currently claimed invention obvious.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above Amendment and Remarks, it is respectfully stated that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully seek notification of same.

Respectfully Submitted,


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